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Public housing is set to improve

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PUBLIC housing tenants in Launceston will have better access to safe and affordable housing under the rollout of reform to improve the system.

Community Housing Ltd will take over 1196 properties at Ravenswood, Rocherlea, Waverley, Mowbray and Mayfield.

The transfer is part of a federal government agreement, which required management of 35 per cent of public housing stock be transferred before June this year.

Community Housing Ltd managing director Steve Bevington said Tasmania would be the first to implement the reform.

“The reform will deliver better tenancy services, improved property management and the construction of new houses,” Mr Bevington said.

Existing tenants will have the option to transfer their tenancy to CHL.

“Those transferring will be able to access a range of benefits such as ongoing tenure, localised services, property improvements, energy assessments, heating and insulation improvements,” he said.

Mr Bevington said the reform would benefit tenants as well as the wider community, and jobs would be created through construction and maintenance of the houses.

Human Services Minister Rebecca White said 4000 homes statewide would be transferred to the community sector.

CHL is organising community information sessions in affected suburbs between 2.30pm and 4.30pm at the following places:

- February 18 at Ravenswood Primary School.
- February 20 at King Billy Park, Rocherlea.
- March 5 at Torrens Street People’s Park, Mayfield.